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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/923,288
Title: Deck Screws Suitable For Use
 With Composite Lumber
Inventor(s): Hubert T. McGovern et al
Our (Your) Ref: OMG/129/US

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In re patent application of first named inventor: Hubert T. McGovern et al

Application No.: 09/923,288 Examiner: Jori Schiffman

Filing Date: August 6, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3679

For: DECK SCREWS SUITABLE FOR USE WITH COMPOSITE LUMBER

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- Petition For Amendment After Allowance of Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.312)
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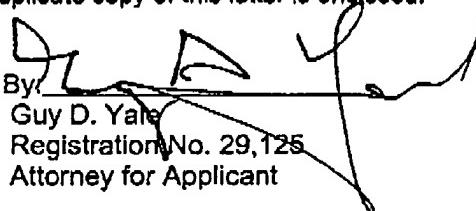
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Proposed amendments and the present status of the claims, begins on page 2
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.